

PREMIER DISSOLVES SPAIN'S PARLIAMENT

Session Suddenly Prorogued
Owing to Obstructionism
and Labor Unrest.

STRIKES ARE SPREADING

Barcelona's Water Supply Is
Menaced—King Suspends
Guarantees in Lerida.

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MADRID, Feb. 28.—Count Romanones,
the Prime Minister, had yesterday a de-
cree suspending the sitting of the Cortes
for an indefinite period.

This decision was taken owing to the
extremely grave situation in Barcelona,
where the syndicates virtually have
captured the machinery of civil life,
and the city is entirely dependent on the
efforts of the engineers' battalion of the
army for coal, a fraction of the light,
water or power which is essential to its
existence.

By the Associated Press.

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of the obstructionist tactics by the Op-
position against labor legislation, the Gov-
ernment decided today to suspend Parlia-
ment. Great surprise was caused by
the announcement that the Cabinet had
resolved to suspend the sitting of the
Cortes for an indefinite period.

Reports from Barcelona, where the
workmen have been restive, are that
the situation brought about by the strike
of the employees of the Canadian com-
pany seems to be improving.

The Madrid newspapers, with few ex-
ceptions, approve the suspension of the
Cortes and praise Count Romanones for
his energetic action which the news-
papers hope will prove of benefit.

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SLOVAKIAN FRONTIER UNDER DISCUSSION

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bia Also Examined.

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ence, which is inquiring into
Czechoslovak questions, today
considered the question of the frontier
of Slovakia, according to an official an-
nouncement.

The commission for the study of Ru-
manian territorial questions met this
morning under the presidency of Andre
Tardieu, the chairman. The official an-
nouncement says that the commission
announced the examination of the claims
of Rumania and Serbia.

The commission of the Peace Con-
ference today unanimously adopted the
proposition of Louis Klotz, the
French Minister of Finance, for the for-
mation of a special section of the
League of Nations.

Reclit Boy, the new Turkish Min-
ister of the Interior, has arrived in Paris
today to confer with the members of
the various peace delegations concerning
the future of Turkey.

ALLIED COUNCIL MAY ACT IN FRUSTRATE CASE

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Ukraine, thereby welding a ring of iron
around Germany, according to the best
accepted principles of the old diplomacy.
If she is assured of a strong Rhine-
land frontier and membership in a strong
League of Nations, backed by the United
States.

Caution consideration has led to the
general conclusion that in some essential
respects a Polish alliance would not be
as favorable as at first it seemed to
be. For some time Poland will be
greatly weakened by the German ravages
during the war, while its people are ex-
periencing a white agony they cannot
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GILLET IS SPEAKER, BUT MANN IS BOSS

Resentment at Steam Roller
Allows Illinois Leader to
Organize House.

WINSLOW TIPS BUCKET

Action Develops from Attempt
to Name Committee
on Committees.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Speaker of the
House, Frederick H. Gillett (Mass.);
boss of the House, James R. Mann (Ill.).
This is the ticket which the Republican
caucus for the Sixty-sixth Congress
adopted last night as the membership
reluctantly realized in the sober second
thought today.

Capital resentment against an un-
necessary attempt by Gillett leaders to
apply the steamroller to the caucus
after Mr. Gillett's election last night
showed itself today. Mr. Mann, who is
still the "Old Gray Fox" of the House,
quietly gathered to himself the job of
organizing the next House from the floor
leadership down. Mr. Gillett and his
followers are left with the empty victory
of a denatured Speakership and the ne-
cessity of going to their late opponents
for information as to how the House
will be organized.

Following announcement of Mr. Gil-
lett's selection Representative Winslow
(Mass.) presented a resolution carry-
ing a slate for the committee on com-
mittees. He took by surprise not only
the entire Mann faction, but a large
number of his own followers as well.
When he immediately moved the pre-
vious question, shutting off debate, a
veritable roar of protest went up from
the floor as well as from Mann's fol-
lowers.

Mann Offers Substitute.

Mr. Winslow could not withdraw his
motion from the previous question quickly
enough to overcome the resentment, and
Mr. Mann promptly offered a substitute
which, as the membership later learned,
placed the entire organization of the
House in his hands.

This was a seemingly harmless sub-
stitute providing for a committee on
committees, with one member from
each State having a Republican
representation, such membership to
carry with it the relative voting strength
of the delegation concerned.

With resentment still hot against the
Winslow tactics a motion for the pre-
vious question by Representative Little
(Kan.) was carried and the substitute
was dropped without a voting vote.

A recess of ten minutes to permit state
delegations to name their respective rep-
resentatives of the committee followed.
Then came the adoption of a resolution
to the effect that the three largest Republi-
can States, Pennsylvania, Illinois and
New York, with a total representation of
twenty-five votes under the Mann resolu-
tion, already had indicated members for
the committee on committees, and that
in each case an out and out supporter of
Mann had been indicated.

Representative Dunn (New York) has
the unanimous support of his delegation,
though Mr. Dunn at the time of his se-
lection was a Mann supporter; Representa-
tive Moore (Pennsylvania) early re-
solved the Pennsylvania delegation, though
a Mann adherent. Mann was
named by the Illinois delegation last
night and there is no question for whom
he is.

To Refuse Floor Leadership.

Mr. Mann told the correspondent of
The Sun today that under no circum-
stances would he accept the floor leader-
ship, but he would be relieved of re-
sponsibility," he said.

"How about the floor leadership?" he
was asked.

"I will not take it," he said.

"Perhaps you will not be able to
dodge it?"

"Well, I can dodge the 'nominal' floor
leadership, at least," he replied with a
grin.

Mr. Mann's supporters claimed today
more than the necessary number of
votes for organization purposes. They
say the Mann organization movement
has become a band wagon affair and
their slate for floor leader, steering
committee and standing committees will
have 150 of the 238 votes in the caucus.
It is a notable fact that where States
had not previously selected their com-
mittee on committees member, after the
adoption of the Mann resolution they
frequently selected a Mann supporter
regardless of how the majority of the
delegation stood. Thus while Minnesota
had previously been committed by the
adoption of the Mann resolution, a
Mann supporter was substituted.

Developments Expected.

Here are several developments indi-
cated as the result of discussion among
members: Mr. Mann will be chairman
pro tem. of the Committee on Commit-
tees when it meets on March 5. The
permanent chairmanship, which carries
the floor leadership and the chair-
manship of the steering committee, will
be offered Mr. Mann and he will decline.
Mr. Mann will name the floor leader
from among his staunch personal sup-
porters. In this connection Representative
Moore, who will vote Mr. Gillett's Pen-
sylvania slate for Mann, is being
considered. Mr. Mann will insist upon
a strict adherence to the plan of se-
curity in nominating committee chairmen,
except in some cases where he is ad-
vocately interested to "pay a debt" to
one of his many personal enemies.

Mr. Mann will name the steering com-
mittee, taking good care that his friends
are in the majority thereon.

Any programs prepared by the Com-
mittee on Committees must be approved
at a subsequent meeting of the Republi-
can caucus, which probably will not be
called until the extra session meets.

The Mann forces, therefore, will take
good care not to arouse sufficient an-
tagonism to weld together the former Gil-
lett strength in opposition.

That they will be able to avoid a
fight on the floor leadership, however, is
improbable. Every effort will be made
between now and the next meeting of
the House to make the anti-Mann sen-
timent behind a candidate for the floor
leadership.

Place for Fordney.

The control by Mr. Mann of the com-
mittee on committees virtually assures
Joseph W. Fordney (Mich.) the chair-
manship of the Committee on Ways
and Means.

This removes Representative Longworth (Ohio) from consid-
eration for that place and leaves him
free for consideration as floor leader.
The Gillett forces had been grooming
him for one of the two positions.

The Illinois delegation stood solidly dur-
ing the battle last night both during
the balloting for Speakership and the
organization of the next House. The
report that Representative Ford (Ill.)
was voted for Gillett, which was printed in
his early edition and corrected later,
resulted from a confusion in an unoffi-
cial ballot prior to the official announce-
ment. It should be noted with his de-
legation throughout.

A meeting of the New York delegation

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The German Government apparently
does not pay the salaries of the
former Kaiser's servants and even
makes arrangements for them to be re-
ceived at regular intervals. His staff
is reduced and is much smaller
than hitherto. Court Chamberlain von
Gontard continues his functions as
usual, still remaining an official
under the orders of the "Hofmarschal-
lant," or Lord Chamberlain's office, in
Berlin.

Gen. von Estorff, who has been in
attendance upon his former imperial
master, left today for a visit to Germany,
accompanied by the younger Von Ben-
tinn, who was formerly in the German
navy.

Senate Favors Embassy at Lima.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—A joint reso-
lution authorizing the Senate to re-
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to the rank of embassy was adopted
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pated in the debate, but the word fight
was sharper between the Majority and
the Independent Socialists.

Herr Noske, Independent Socialist, at-
tacked the bill, alleging that he had ac-
cepted several million marks from Adolph
Joffe, Russian Ambassador to Germany.

Mr. Cohn admitted that Joffe gave
him about a million marks and ten and
a half million rubles. The rubles, he
said, were still in bank because he had
been unable to draw against them.
However, he said the money was for
Russian purposes and political campaigns.
He said he had used the money for a
strike against the Independent Socialists,
termining them dangerous demagogues.

No scene in the Weimar Assembly has
been so heated as that of today. The
minded leaders apparently are greatly
upset and express the belief that it will
be impossible to eliminate party differ-
ences.

The squabble so greatly delayed the
procedure of the Assembly that it was
unable even to begin the discussion of
the new constitution, consideration of
which had been set for today and the
two days following. It is thought the
constitution will come up tomorrow.

Debate Transition Law.

The Assembly ended the morning ses-
sion with a recess which lasted until 4
o'clock. It then took up the bill for
the enactment of the transition law,
which provides broadly that the govern-
ment shall be the Emperor shall develop
upon the Minister President, that the
powers of the former Bundesrat shall
be lodged with the Senate and those of
the Reichstag with the Reichstag.

Speakers from every part of the country
talked at great length to a nearly empty
house, the greater part of the members
either having gone home or remaining in
the lobby.

President Fehrenbach had had enough
with the morning session and when the
bill was taken up he left the Assembly
of the preceding officer to Vice-President
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SOLDIER EDITOR HONORED.

Captain Who Guided "Stars and
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Capt. Guy T. Viskniski of 174 Valley
road, Montclair, N. J., who edited
Stars and Stripes, the official newspaper
of the American Army in France, has
been promoted to Major, according to
word which reached his home here
yesterday. Capt. Viskniski is an ex-
transport in recommending his promotion
to Major.

"This officer is a veteran of the Span-
ish-American war. He organized and
conducted the Stars and Stripes, which
has been in a position to keep the bal-
ance of power in Europe and to pre-
vent further disturbances. They want an
immediate settlement, believing further de-
lays, handling of world, efforts to con-

struct an ideal League of Nations are
imperiling the stability of Europe.
If the President fails to swing the
United States to the League of Nations
plan it will be dropped like a